

# Standards Announcement

Project 2010-11– TPL Table 1 Order  
TPL-002-1c, footnote 'b' and TPL-001-2a, footnote 12

**Formal Comment Period: December 10, 2012 – January 11, 2013**

Upcoming:

Successive Ballot: January 2, 2013 – January 11, 2013

## Now Available

A 30-day formal comment period and successive ballot is open for revisions to a single footnote that is incorporated into two standards (**TPL-002-1c**– System Performance Following Loss of a Single BES Element for footnote 'b', and **TPL-001-2a** – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for footnote 12 ) through **8 p.m. Eastern Friday, January 11, 2013**.

Please note that, aside from the proposed revisions to the footnote and changes to conform the Enforcement Dates section to the current language approved by NERC legal to cover all of the jurisdictions in which NERC standards are mandatory, no other revisions have been made to either standard. The scope of the drafting team's assignment is limited to addressing changes to the single footnote.

## Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period on the single footnote that is incorporated into **TPL-002-1c** and **TPL-001-2a** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 11, 2013**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

## Next Steps

The drafting team will hold a webinar to review the revisions on Tuesday, January 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern. Registration instructions for this webinar will be provided in a separate announcement.

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and successive ballot and, if needed, make revisions to the footnote. If the comments do not show the need for significant revisions, the footnote will proceed to recirculation ballot.

## Background

FERC Order No. 762, issued April 19, 2012, remanded TPL-002-0b to NERC as vague, unenforceable and not responsive to the previous Commission directives on this matter. The Standards Committee directed the Standards Drafting Team (SDT) to revise footnote 'b' in accordance with the directives of Orders No. 693 and 762. The SDT was also charged with revising the corresponding footnote 12 of TPL-001-2 in order to prevent the remand of TPL-001-2.

In revising the footnotes, the SDT adopted a philosophy of minimal changes to the actual footnote itself. This was done to minimize confusion as to what was changed, for ease of reading and following the footnote, and for formatting within the actual standards documents. Instead, the SDT revised the footnote by developing an attachment to the footnote containing changes in response to the Commission orders. It should be noted that attachments to standards are an extension of the Requirements and thus are binding to applicable entities.

Project 2010-11 is an important part of the ERO's strategic goal to be responsive to regulatory authority directives in an expeditious manner in order to reduce the amount of standards-related directives and to provide an adequate level of reliability.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

## Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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